

CHRISTMAS SHOW WINDOWS

Our merchants have made splendid window displays this year, far surpassing the Christmas decorations of other years, and keeping the Holiday spirit prominently before people in great though tasteful profusion. The Mercantile Company in their Grocery, devotes one window to a display of candies, nuts and other Christmas goodies and necessities of the Christmas dinner menu. The window is very attractive in festoons of red and green. The Sweet shop window, always a center of interest to people who have not yet grown their liking for sweets, features the finest assortment of candy ever brought to Carlsbad, in all sorts of containers, from beautifully decorated boxes in pasteboards, to much higher priced creations of mahogany. A Christmas tree brave in its decorations of tinsel and ornaments is also shown.

Star Pharmacy has a fine assortment of Christmas novelties and books, and the Sellers Jewelry window in the same building, has one of the very artistic displays of Christmas goods.

The Mercantile Company, dry-goods have even outdone itself in decorative effects. The beautiful central window with its artistically decorated Christmas tree, is the work of Mrs. Bert Rawlin, and is the delight of all who admire the beautiful.

Piggly Wiggly, the youngest of Carlsbad's businesses, has a fine display of fruits and candies, the latter counter, presided over by Mrs. Paul Mahan, the interior being also decorated in Christmas colors, with Santa Claus prominently appearing in the rear.

True to their reputation, the Pratt-Smith Hardware store has a fine window display. While there is nothing especially decorative in the sun and ammunition featured, the window has a snow scene that attracts the eye, perhaps because of the fact that snow is somewhat rare in this beautiful country of the Pecos Valley. The little house which centers the window, surrounded by sparkling snow makes many of us who have been reared among the heavy snows of the north, feel a longing for the old home, that was always so beautiful and homey at holiday season.

Joyce-Pruit have their windows filled with suggestion for Christmas gifts for the different members of

the family, and a person must be hard to suit who cannot find what he is looking for in some of the goods displayed so charmingly by this firm. The grocery windows reflect the taste of Robert Hamblin, who has arranged everything in them so temptingly. Interior decorations in this store, both in the dry goods and grocery departments, are lavish and beautiful and carry out the idea of the season in lovely effect.

The Gibson store has a beautiful interior decorative scheme, and in combination with the many pretty articles displayed in their show cases and front windows, is proving an attraction to many towns people and others and the hearty welcome one guests from the sales people, gives great pleasure to shoppers. The lighting effect of this store is very attractive being a soft rose color.

The windows of A. G. Shelby store have been made attractive by the liberal use of Christmas colors and candies and other goodies. Miss Elizabeth Ferris is responsible for the fine display.

Among other beautiful store windows, that of the T. C. Horne Dry-Goods, has a prominent place. The south window is a mass of dainty handkerchiefs in many colors and styles, attracting these creations as Christmas presents, and their reasonable price puts them in reach of all.

The interior of the store has also been decorated with numerous tiny Christmas trees.

The three windows of the Roberts-Dearborne Hardware store are full of toys that charm the eyes of the little folk and of useful articles that appeal to those of maturer years. In the south window is a magnificent Christmas Tree and in the other windows is a color scheme of red and green, emphasizing the season.

H. M. Gragg, jeweler, and the McAdoo Drug Company, have their windows temptingly arrayed with articles of silver and novelties that appeal to those in search of Christmas presents out of the ordinary. These windows are also showing the red and green of the season.

The Corner Drug Store windows made a fine showing with their china and silverware, the usual red and green in the background. Here are offered a great variety of goods that constitute "Gifts that last" and attractive and artistic windows are the result. The proprietor has always carried a fine line of holiday goods and the stock this year excels that of other seasons.

Ray Davis, photographer, while not attempting any lavish display has a very creditable window, featuring the special make of cameras he recommends, and having Christmas bells and drapery of red and green in profusion.

In the window of the American Express Company, the agent, Ray Soliday, has made an unique plan of decoration. A large wheel in the center of the window runs by electricity, and at night is surrounded by different colored lights, which give us something new in Christmas decorations.

All the windows of the city, without exception, mirror forth the joy of the blessed season, and speak in certain terms of the fellowship and good will which exists at this Christmas tide.

The office window of the Carlsbad Light & Power Company, is filled by a magnificent pine tree reaching to the ceiling. This is made beautiful with all colors of electric lights, and other ornaments and is one of the most showy of any of the windows in the entire city.

A Christmas tree in the windows of the Purdy Furniture Company, is attracting much attention because of its beautiful trimming and colored lights, which sparkle with great brilliancy and make even old people, who have supposedly outgrown the liking for such things, stand and admire.

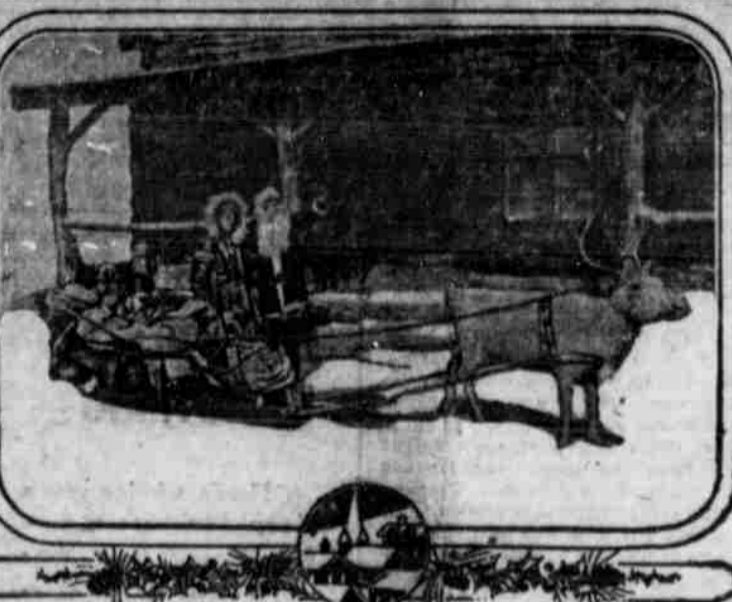
An "electric Christmas" has been featured by the Public Utilities in their window display at the office on Fox Street. The beautiful household appliances to be "run" by electricity, delight the eyes of Carlsbad housewives to whom each new article of that sort is a boon. People are giving more of things such as toasters, percolators, vacuum cleaners, etc., as Christmas presents, than for many years.

The Cozy Corner has a nice display of Christmas goods, candy in boxes, etc., and has had the interior of their room refitted for Christmas trade, which promises to be heavy.

At the J. F. Flowers store, the windows are admired by all. This store is filled with customers from early morning until night and the many little folk who stand entranced at the window, looking for their desired toy, amply repays them for their trouble.

The most unique and at the same time artistic windows in the city are those of the Owen-McAdoo company, and H. A. Gragg Jewelry store. The north window pictures a beautiful Christmas scene, with snow on the ground, which sparkles under the light of the electric globe, with a very realistic glow, and reminds one of the snowy field of old Ohio and other northern states at Christmas time.

Santa's Special Delivery



Christmas Times of Long Ago

By Will M. Maupin

THIS CHRISTMAS Eve! Turn low the lights; let quivering shadows fall

Althwart the curtained windows there, and play along the wall

Lay work aside! 'Tis time for rest; 'tis time to put away

The cares and trials that beset the weary hours of day.

'Tis Christmas Eve! Quick, stir the fire

And in its ruddy glow

We'll live again those happy hours

Of Christmas times of long ago

We'll walk again the old-time paths; the old-time friends we'll meet;

And to the old-time homes of youth we'll trip with merry feet.

And hand in hand, and heart to heart, we'll tread youth's golden ways.

And live again the joyous hopes we lived in other days.

The clock ticks on; its pendulum

Swings softly to and fro;

And every tick a memory brings

Of Christmas times of long ago.

And so another Christmas comes. We linger in the gloom

While ghostly forms of childhood's friends troop in and fill the room.

No words we speak. To memory's view come visions thick and fast.

And for an hour we live again the dear days of the past.

Old Time the tide of life turns back,

And on its ebbing flow

We glide again through golden hours

Of Christmas times of long ago!

PROGRAM

Following is the program which will be rendered by members of the Methodist Sunday school, tomorrow night, December 23rd, at their Christmas tree:

Song by School, "Joy to the World"

No. 7.

Prayer.

Song by Beginners, "The Little Lord, Jesus," No. 139.

Recitation by Belva Dixon.

Exercise by Beginners.

Song by Primaries, "Christ Is Born Today," No. 143.

Recitation by Anna Maud King.

Recitation by Bobby Butcher, "Christmas Music."

Song by First Year Juniors, "Ring Out Sweet Bells," No. 98.

Dialogue by Miss Mudgett's class.

Song by Fourth Year Juniors, "Hear Them Gaily Pealing."

Reading by Nannie Little, "The Angel's Visit."

Song by Mrs. Davis' class, "Selfless."

Song by Miss Middleton's class.

Song by Miss Craft's class.

Reading by Elizabeth Thorne.

Treats.

Benediction—Rev. Douglass.

A movement is on to reorganize the First Troop of Scouts, and till the work is complete the boys of any troop are encouraged to attend the meetings of the Second Troop in the chapel of the Presbyterian church Friday evenings at six-thirty.

The blue shades the picture needs to be seen in order to be appreciated. One's mind goes back to a Christmas of long ago, when shepherds watched their flocks by night, all seated on the ground, and the Angel of the Lord appeared announcing the good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people.

R. M. Thorne has a beautiful parlor scene with lighted and decorated Christmas tree and no great effort of the imagination is required to see Santa Claus entering the room and depositing his gifts.

Little Terrence Phair, who gave the only dollar he had so that some other child might have a Merry Christmas, has reaped the reward that the Good Book declares always comes to the true giver of charity. Terrence's dollar has come back increased an hundredfold.

J. R. Linn, manager of the Crawford theater in Carlsbad, having read in the Morning Journal of Terrence's generous gift, has sent the Journal a two-dollar bill, asking that it be given to Terrence to do with it just as he pleases.

Master Terrence Phair, will you please inform the Journal where you are, so that you may receive this the first of your Christmas gifts? And please do not refuse it; the giver intended it for you, just as much as some of the gifts that Santa may send you.

Mr. Linn's letter follows.

Carlsbad, N. M.,

December 14, 1922.

Albuquerque Journal,

Elks Christmas Tree Department,

Albuquerque, N. M.

Dear Sirs:

I was so pleased with the spirit as expressed by Little Terrence Phair, who so charitably gave his last dollar to the Elks Christmas Tree fund.

I am enclosing \$2 which I would ask you to forward to him, assuring him, if you please that every penny so cheerfully given to charity will always return in blessings two-fold.

May he enjoy a happy Christmas—soon become a well and strong real fellow, and in due time a good Dig Elk.

Yours very truly,

J. R. LINN.

J. H. Gee came in last night from Eureka Springs, Arkansas, where he has been under treatment for some time for neuritis. He is still far from well, and the altitude here is very bad for him. He tells us the country around Eureka Springs is beautiful, but unfortunately, he has not responded to the treatment as he desired.

DINNER TO DIRECTORS OF CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

F. E. Hubert was host to a dinner party at the Palace Hotel last night in recognition of the cooperation extended toward him in the two years he has filled the position of president of the Chamber of Commerce. A very delightful menu was served by Mrs. Chaytor, and her assistants, who are always ready for an occasion like that. Delicious grapefruit was the first course, followed by celery, olives, turkey and dressing, cranberry sauce, peas and timbales, and later by brick ice cream and white cake and coffee. The pretty dining room was made more attractive by festoons of red and green, while from the center of the room hung large Christmas bells.

After the dinner had been disposed of by the twenty-eight guests, cigars were lighted and Mr. Hubert spoke from the head of the table, voicing his appreciation of the way the members stood by him during his two years administration, and asking that they extend the same kindness and assistance to his successor.

Replying to him short talks were made by Dr. Lowry, W. F. Melvaine, L. R. Conarty and Frank Tracy, all testifying to the esteem they have for Mr. Hubert as a member of the Chamber of Commerce and also as a citizen and friend. The gentlemen all seemed to feel a pride in a man who had as much civic pride and who has ever been ready to sacrifice, when necessary, for the good of the town.

After all had spoken, Major Bajac arose and in a neat speech, presented the retiring president a silver pitcher, as a token of appreciation of his services.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen:

This is a happy occasion. The delicious feast that has been tendered us by our retiring president, has been enjoyed to the limit. As I say this is a happy occasion in many particulars; yet it is sad in one particular. Mr. Hubert, who has done so much for making this Chamber of Commerce a success, through and by virtue of his hearty co-operation with the City Government, has advanced our town and its best interests to a point where we are envied by many.

It has been said that "each rose has its thorn and every fig its thistle," thus the sweet is always mixed with the bitter, and we are losing Mr. Hubert as our capable president, but we are not losing him from our membership. The great example set by Mr. Hubert prompted by his untiring devotion and patriotism, shall remain the inspiration of this body, and his actions ever a source of encouragement.

Now Mr. President in appreciation of your wonderful services and as an expression of the high esteem in which you are held by this Chamber of Commerce, and each particular member thereof, I have been designated to present to you on this occasion this beautiful gift from the members of the Carlsbad Chamber of Commerce, and will want you to accept it and ever know it is given you in an effort to voice our grateful thanks and we trust you will accept it in that spirit. You will observe the gift is a silver pitcher, not "the flowing bowl." The material that composes this present is durable and it can be taken to the well as often as you like without any serious fear of being broken. Furthermore, the silver in the pitcher represents the silver ties of love and affection that shall always bind us to you. Now gentlemen, we have had in our midst many boosters, but Mr. Hubert is in my opinion the leading spirit of them all; so let me say of him:

"He is the noblest booster of them all, and the elements so mixed in him that nature might stand up and say to all the world—he is a man." Thus knowing him and appreciating him, let me further say:

"The friends thou hast, and their adoption tried, grapple to thy soul with hooks of steel, but do not dull their palms with the entertainment of each new hatched, unfledged comrade."

Hence in future, looking back up the shining record of Mr. Hubert, as the president of this Chamber of Commerce, of the co-operation he has always given, let us remain hence in future looking back to and carry to completion the work he has so nobly begun; and I present you, sir, this simple gift on the spirit expressed.

EVERING

THINGS UP.

Wife—Somehow there doesn't seem to be much Christmas spirit in the air.

Hubby—Well, make up for it by putting an extra log in the mince pie.

Your best friends are not always the ones with whom you are most intimate.

CHRISTMAS BARGAINS

Some of the Best Business Block Properties, and Residence Properties ever offered. Carlsbad is destined to grow and now is the time to make your investment. Bargains in Farms.

W. H. MERCHANT,

James Building.

"ANN WHAT'S HER NAME"

The Senior Class play given at Crawford Theater last Wednesday night brought out a full house of friends of the class who desired to assist them in their laudible undertaking and at the same time enjoy a pleasant evening.

A deplorable part of the affair was the fact that many persons arrived after the curtain had already risen, and while they were being shown to their seats, the noise prevented many from hearing the first act, and so getting the plot of the play.

Georgiana Galton, the aunt, was perfect in her part, and with her every hair and dignified manner carried out the part of an old maid to perfection.

Tony Wheat (Carl Lovelace) in his difficult part of the young man from Pocatelli, Idaho, "with a yellow ribbon in his buttonhole," played the part of a nervous young man in a peculiar dilemma with skill and ease. Indeed, the absence of nervousness on the part of the young folks was remarked by many in the audience.

Miss Eleanor Flowers in her character of the Irish maid servant, Mooney, who "had been in a fire once and was pretty historical" and "hadn't a well nerve in her body," was superb. Her acting brought out the most vigorous applause of the entire evening, and was the outstanding feature of the play. The part of "Gramma" given to Miss Louisa Alinger, could not have been handled better. The young lady had the very voice of an old lady "upwards of eighty-one," and her every gesture carried out the idea of extreme and querulous old age.

Another difficult part, perfectly handled, was that taken by Miss Ida Pearl Morris, as "Nancy." The part required a change of voice and attitude that was trying, to say the least, but Miss Morris handled it with great skill, and received hearty applause, and many young folk in the audience envied Tony Wheat in the closing scene of the play.

Frances Perry as Judge Bundy, acted as an irascible old gentleman and seemed to have very little in common with the Francis with whom we associate in the various duties of a printing office. Wallace Thorne as Ebenezer Whittle, and Mary Frances Joyce, as his wife had rather minor parts in the program, but did those part well and both came in for liberal applause when they wheeled the little child across the stage. We understand, however, that the little one said she would not take part in their plays any more unless certain demands were met. Mary Antonette Reid (the little flapper) looked charming in her nurse's costume which she wore to the Army and Navy ball, and disposed of her suit, Willie, (Harold Toffelmire) with neatness and dispatch. Our only fear is that other young ladies in Carlsbad may try her way of management. The lady was always easy in her manner, as were the others, Miss Caviness and Miss Katherine Simmons who while they had only small parts, had their lines perfect and appeared graceful and easy on the stage.

"Bill" Hardy, as the detective, was fearfully and wonderfully gotten up, and looked like a terror to evildoers, and in Dr. Aked, with paraphernalia, one needs to look twice to recognize our jolly F. E. Little. John Athastong made a typical English butler, with his Burn-sides and his impassive countenance and all in all each member of the cast seemed to have the part best suited to his or her abilities. The Current is pleased to announce a substantial sum was received toward the expense of getting out their annual.

Much of the success of the performance is due the managers, Alvetta Vaughn and Alvin Allinger, who attended to all the details that go to make a finished play.

NOTICE TO WATER USERS

The local officials of the Reclamation Service give notice to water users under the Carlsbad Project that water will be turned into the Main canal Monday, January 1, 1923 for a period of two weeks, and will be turned out promptly Sunday night, January 14. Avalon reservoir will be filled to capacity on January 1, and the overflow will be wasted unless used generally on the farms. Water users should give ample notice to the ditchriders, in case the winter irrigation is required. Water deliveries cannot be made to water users in case the construction and operation and maintenance charges are delinquent.

Miss Jennie Linn has planned an extended visit with relatives and friends in the north and east, and will leave soon after the Holidays. She will go first to Chicago, where she has relatives, and from there to Cincinnati, where she took her course in piano at the Conservatory, and after a stay there will go on east. Her plans are that at the close of school in the spring, she in company with her sister, Miss Nellie, will visit a cousin in the Adirondacks, and thus round out a splendid summer of sightseeing, in that beautiful pleasure ground of America.

Mrs. John Wells returned to her home in Carlsbad Wednesday after a long stay with relatives and friends in different parts of Texas and Oklahoma, and also visiting a brother at Kansas City, Missouri, while she was gone.